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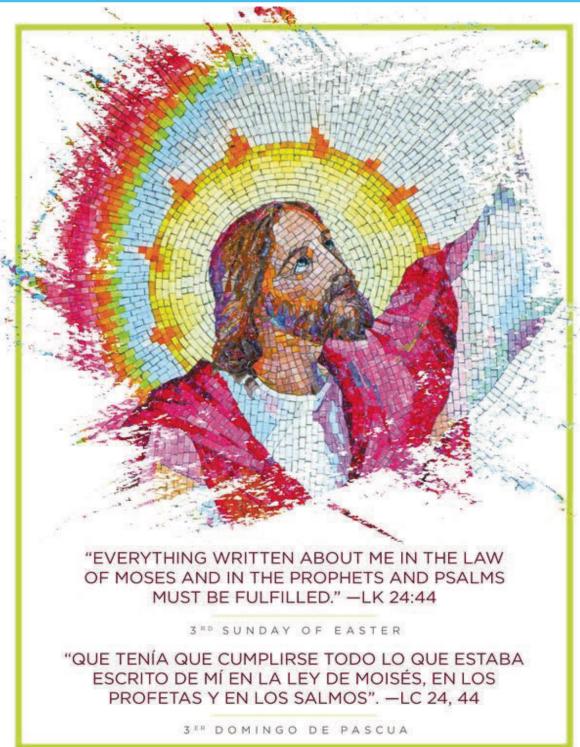


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Lord, let your face shine on us. Psalm 4 En ti, señor, confío. Aleluya. Salmo 4

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St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

St. Thomas Aquinas/Queen of Peace Mass Times

Saturday Vigil Mass

4:30 PM—STA 5:00 PM—QP

Sunday Masses

8:00 AM—STA	8:00 AM—QP
10:00 AM—STA	9:30 AM—QP
1:00 PM—STA (<i>Spanish</i>)	11:15 AM—QP

Weekday Masses

Monday

8:30 AM—STA 8:30 AM—QP

Tuesday

5:30 PM—STA 8:30 AM—QP

Wednesday

8:30 AM—STA 8:30 AM—QP

Thursday

7:30 AM—STA 8:30 AM—QP

Friday

8:30 AM—STA 8:30 AM—QP

10:00 AM—at Attic Angel (2nd& 4th) 10:00 AM—at Oakwood (1st & 3rd)

Reconciliation

Saturday

3:15-4:10 PM—STA 3:45-4:30 PM—OP

Adoration

Mondays: 2:00-4:00 PM—STA Tuesdays: 4:15-5:10 PM—STA Fridays: 9:00-10:00 AM—STA



Donuts Are Back! Celebrate Earth Day Next Sunday, April 21 after all Masses

Yes, you are seeing that right! The Care for God's Creation Team is hosting coffee and donuts in the

Social Hall after all Masses next Sunday, April 21. What a great way to celebrate Earth Day with you.

We will have copies of the vegetarian recipes from our Tasting Table event after the 4:30 Mass and we may even have some leftovers for you to taste.

Join us for fellowship, joy, and gratitude to God for the gifts of His Creation.

Care for God's Creation Team



Words from Fr. Brian Wilk Parochial Administrator

In this weekend's Gospel passage from Luke, the primary interest is to show that the risen Jesus is the same person the Apostles

had known prior to his crucifixion. Luke emphasizes the reality of Jesus' bodily resurrection but makes it clear that the resurrection is not a return to earthly life. Jesus has risen to a new life beyond death.

The resurrection means that Jesus lives, and we too can encounter him in faith. We encounter him especially in the "breaking of the bread," that is in the Eucharist. He will be with us wherever we are, helping us to give meaning and beauty to our lives. And like the Apostles we are commissioned to bring this good news to others.

On a personal note, I will be leaving on Monday for a pilgrimage trip to Italy with Bishop Hying and sixty other pilgrims. We will be visiting Florence, Venice, Assisi and Rome. Pilgrimages are a wonderful opportunity for faith, fellowship and spiritual growth. Please keep us in your prayers. We will be returning on the 26th of April. I look forward to seeing you when we return. In my absence Msgr. Gunn will be "acting" administrator of the pastorate.

Blessings!

Fr. Brian

Gospel Reflection of Luke 24:35-48 by Dcn. Jerome Buhman

They thought they were seeing a ghost. That's what Luke tells us today about the disciples when Jesus appeared to them. But nothing could be further from the truth. Especially if you think in modern terms of the word "ghost." To "ghost" today means to suddenly end all communication with someone with whom you have been in close contact. This is perhaps what the apostles feared when Jesus was crucified — that they would never see or hear from Jesus again. But of course, Jesus did return, and not only that, he promised to be with them (and us!) til the end of time.

In the last line of today's Gospel, Jesus says "You are witnesses of these things," speaking not just about his death and resurrection, but about his entire life, words and work. He is speaking not just to the disciples, but to us, and we are to be his witnesses in the world today. And to help us, he has sent us his Spirit, or as it is also called, the Holy Ghost, which gives a whole new, and radically different, meaning to the word "ghosting."

Training



Feeling like you might be ready to share your love of Jesus?

Ready to debunk some myths about evangelization, and get equipped to authentically share your love of Jesus? St. Thomas Aquinas has a partnership with Evangelical Catholic, and have

used their Reach More training program for nearly three years. This is a training course that involves not only group classes, but one-on-one time and daily prayer to help you take what you are learning to heart. This training group is intended to help people who are already faithful and connected to deepen their spiritual life, to grow as disciples, and grow in the confidence and competence that will help draw others to Jesus... without having to knock on doors or stand on street corners!

Join Jenny Ludtke for an information session on Wednesday, May 1, at 9:15am in the STA parish library.

The intention is to launch a new cohort that would meet on Wednesday mornings, starting in June. RSVPs are helpful but not necessary. Not able to make it, but interested? Contact Jenny Ludtke at 833-2606 or <code>jennifer@stamadison.org</code>.



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Extraordinary Ministers
of Holy Communion
to Hospitals and Care Facilities
Training Workshop

Sunday, April 28 11:15AM - 2:30PM

Join us for Mass at 10:00am **St. Thomas Aquinas Church**

Register by phone 608-833-2600x4864 or email *judy@stamadison.org*

Fr. Pat Norris, OP, longtime priest-chaplain and medical ethicist for St. Mary Hospital, and former pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish, will offer an overview of the *Diocese of Madison Norms for the Use of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion*. We will then explore the specific considerations of visiting patients in the hospital and hospice residential facilities. This training workshop is designed to equip EMHC with the confidence and skills needed to navigate these unique settings.

The faithful who are ill are deprived of their rightful and accustomed place in the Eucharistic community. In bringing Communion to them the Extraordinary Minister of Communion [EMHC] represents Christ and manifests faith and charity on behalf of the whole community toward those who cannot be present at the Eucharist. For the sick, the reception of Communion is not only a privilege but also a sign of support and concern shown by the Christian community for its members who are ill.

~Pastoral Care for the Sick



Baptism Preparation Classes

Interested in having your child baptized? Classes are offered on the 2nd Saturday of the month. Contact Den. Jerome for

classes in English at *dcn.jerome@stamadison.org* or 608.833.2606. For classes in Spanish, contact Maira Rivera *maira@stamadison.org* or 608.833.2606.

Witness to Love Marriage Enrichment Sessions



Ryan and Mary Rose Verret, creators of *Witness to Love*, will be in the Diocese of Madison this summer! While they are here, they are going to help us lead a few marriage enrichment evenings. Check out the dates and locations below and mark your calendar. More information regarding the content, time, etc. will be communicated soon. *witnesstolove.org*

Enrichment Evening Dates and LocationsMonday July 22 in the Madison area

Tuesday July 23 in the Janesville area Wednesday July 24 in the WI Dells area

Care for God's Creation

Save the Date Celebrate Earth Day Saturday, April 20 at 5:30PM

Join us on Saturday, April 20 after the 4:30 Mass to share in our Tasting Tables event! We will be serving eight



Care for God's Creation Team

different vegetarian meals for you to taste. Check out each table, take a sample, talk with the parishioner who made the dish and enjoy time with fellow parishioners. Let us know which dish you liked the best! Please vote for your favorite! The winner will be featured in the bulletin the following week.

We will have a display copy of the recipe at each of the Tasting Tables so you can snap a photo. We'll also have printed copies available.

We thank everyone who explored eating more vegetarian meals during their Lenten journey! We hope our event will encourage all to continue this habit as we recognize that "Everyday is Earth Day".

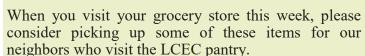
Why eat more vegetarian meals? Because raising animals creates more greenhouse gas emissions than planting, nurturing, and harvesting vegetables.

And Pope Francis reminds us that our individual actions, no matter how small, make a difference. In Laudate Deum [71], he states, "Efforts by households to reduce pollution and waste, and to consume with prudence, are creating a new culture... Let us realize, then, that even though [our actions do] not immediately produce a notable effect from the quantitative standpoint, we are helping to bring about large processes of transformation rising from deep within society."

April 21 is Sharing Sunday Food Pantry requests for Lussier Community Education Center

The food pantry is in need of the following items:

- Vegetable oil
- Sugar
- 100% Fruit Juice
- Pasta Sauce (canned is preferred)
- Canned Mandarin Oranges
- Detergent (pods are preferred)
- Dish Soap (smaller bottles preferred)



The pantry is so grateful for the generosity of STA parishioners. Let's help boost their pantry shelves!

MAKE SUNDAYS SPECIAL! Show your love for God and others by helping those in need. Thanks for your help!

Queen of Peace Offerings



Deepen your relationship with Jesus through a deeper understanding of Scripture

Bible Study groups are starting new studies.

Our Tuesday morning group meets at 9:30am with a hybrid format allowing our members to meet either in person or virtually. We are about to begin our study of the Book of Psalms!

Our Wednesday afternoon group meets at 4pm and began a new study on Wednesday, April 3. The study looks at a Panoramic Overview of the New Testament as the fulfillment of the Old Testament.

Our Wednesday evening virtual group meets at 6:30pm and began a study of the Gospel of John on Wednesday, April 10.

Contact Cheryl for more info: Cheryl.horne@gopc.org

The Chosen Season 4 Is Coming to QP in April

Stay tuned for more information...



Blood Pressure Screenings at Our Lady Queen of Peace

Did you know monthly blood pressure screenings are available at Queen of Peace with Parish Nurse, Crystal? Blood pressure screenings will take place the first Friday of each month after 8:30AM Mass in the Confessional Room. Please call Crystal at 608-231-4614 if you would like your blood pressure taken at a different time or with any questions.

Retreat & Pilgrimages

The Pray More Eucharistic Retreat an Online Retreat: inspiring talks to help you grow in devotion

The "Pray More Novenas" people have created a wonderful online retreat on the Eucharist. It starts April 17. You can join each session at your own pace. This means that you can participate wherever you are and whenever you have the time. It's like a do-ityourself retreat, but you're not doing it alone people around the world are doing it with you! There are 6 amazing speakers, giving 12 talks, to inspire and encourage you.

For more information visit: https://praymoreretreat.org/



Pilgrimage to Poland See the Catholic Treasure of Poland!

Please join us on a pilgrimage to Poland! Highlights include Jasna Gora Monastery, home of Our Lady of Czestochowa, the Sanctuary of Divine Mercy and the Divine Mercy Image, the Museum and Chapel of St. Maximilian Kolbe, the cell where he was martyred in Auschwitz, the birthplace and baptismal church of St. John Paul, Wawel Cathedral where he was ordained a Bishop and so much more! Daily Mass. October 3-12, 2024. \$3695/per person based on double occupancy. \$150 discount if you enter coupon code Bulletin 150 on the registration form.

For information, please visit **OoHTours.com** or call us at



Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi with Msgr. Larry Bakke

A beautiful pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi is being planned for the autumn. Sites include the Vatican.

Coliseum, home of St. Francis of Assisi....too many sites to mention here.

If you are interested, contact Cheryl at 608-231-4616.



Faith & Family



2023-24 Faith Formation—April

High School Youth: Sundays 5-7PM

April 14—Adult Talk

April 21—Highlights

April 28—End of Year Celebration

MS Youth: Wednesdays 6-7:30PM

April 10—Guest Speaker

April 17—Highlights

April 24—Last Day!

PK/EL Tuesday & Wednesday

4-5:30PM & 6-7:30PM

April 16&17, 23&24

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Ways you can help

Select a BOOK-SHAPED TAG from the gathering space bulletin board & order the listed book

Order from STA Amazon Wishlist with the following link: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/s/PYRDKRJARVYO

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Donate your gently used Children's/Teen books

Requesting Catholic or Christian titles, value themes (i.e., kindness, love); and Spanish language or bilingual books

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STA Library donation policies are posted in the the library



Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 13 St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr 4:30 PM The Unborn, Especially those in our Country

Sunday, April 14 Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Peter & Connie Sahagian +

10:00 AM Melanie Ertz +

1:00 PM D. Aldo Pitassi +

Monday, April 15

8:30 AM Joe Bisenius +

Tuesday, April 16

5:30 PM Frank DiPiazza +

Wednesday, April 17

8:30 AM Bill Rather \$\Phi\$

Thursday, April 18

7:30 AM JoAnn Szczepaniuk †

Friday, April 19

8:30 AM Kristie Ayers \$\Phi\$

10:00 AM Marilyn Cossette \$\Phi\$

Saturday, April 20

4:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas & Our Lady Queen of Peace Parishioners

Sunday, April 21 Fourth Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Hamblin & Mayheu Families *

10:00 AM Irene Mayer♥

1:00 PM Miguel Angel Rivera Villalba♥

Weekly Readings

Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9

(7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/

Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17,

21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-7a/Jn 6:35-40 **Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/

Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-17/Jn 6:60-69 Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26,

28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Weekly Offertory Update

Weekend Offertory	Income*	MDCC & MDCC Endowment
2024 Year Goals	\$1,531,500	\$280,000
2024 Year Totals	\$395,352	\$53,676
Percent of Goal Reached (YTD)	25.81%	19.17%
Week 1 4/8/2024	\$17,981	\$4,662
Week 2 4/14/2024		
Week 3 4/21/2024		
ACH April 4/23/2024		
Week 4 4/28/2024		
April 2024 Totals	\$17,981	\$4,662
April 2024 Goals	\$147,000	\$30,000

Pontifical Good Friday Collection: Helping Christians in the Holy Land 3/29/2024 From STA Parishioners = \$6,223

*Envelopes, stock gifts, PayPal Credit/Debit and ACH online, ACH monthly withdrawals, plus loose offertory (cash), adjustments to totals may occur.

MDCC: Make Disciples Capital Campaign

Counter Schedule

Monday, April 15:

Dulli, Ihlenfeld, Marx, Sawyer, Zingsheim

Monday, April 22:

Baik, Degenhardt, Dulli, Hurtgen, Ihlenfeld, Peterson

Prayers

April 14th

Third Sunday of Easter

For all who work to build a culture of life:

May the hope of the Resurrection

renew and sustain them

in their mission;

We pray to the Lord.

For all who are troubled with disbelief in this Easter Season: May they hear Jesus' words, be inspired to follow his teachings, and serve others as Jesus serves us;;

We pray to the Lord.

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